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60 claims; and

10 sheets of Drawings: informal; 8½x11 sized paper (Figs. 1A to 12C).

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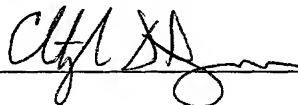
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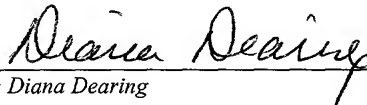
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